

Basalt Outcrop Shrubland (2)



Location: Rims, slopes and isolated outcrops of basalt occur throughout the project area south and west of the Wupatki Basin. Although threeleaf sumac is the definitive species on the unit, it is generally less important than fourwing saltbush or green Mormon tea.

Photosignature: The rough, blocky texture of broken basalt is readily evident on the photos. Plateau rims and their associated slopes appear as narrow, curving lines (right photo below), while isolated piles of basalt occurring west of Highway 89 appear as small dark inclusions within the paler grassland matrix (left photo below).

On both types of basalt exposure, shrubs appear as orange-brown specks and blotches.

